

DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning we discussed the request made of us by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee for a self study of our manpower situation. It was agreed that we should undertake such a study and that a committee, composed of Mr. Kirkpatrick as chairman and two representatives appointed by each Deputy Director, should proceed with it without delay. I have designated General McClelland and [] as the DD/S representatives. The Management Staff, Office of the Comptroller, Office of Personnel, and possibly others, will, of course, participate as needed.

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2. Mrs. Wolfe of Senator Beall's office telephoned to know if we would have any interest at all in the property in Charles County below Indianhead which was written up in Sunday's paper. I told her that the distance would make this site completely unacceptable to us.

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3. Conducted a meeting with [] John Warner, [] to discuss the preparation of papers which required action by me or the Director in connection with the approval of financial expenditures, writeoffs, claims, etc. I emphasized that I thought the present system, wherein it is necessary for one to read anywhere from five to twenty-five memoranda on the subject before he can act intelligently, was highly inefficient and wasteful of everyone's time. I asked them to set up a procedure whereby (a) as soon as the facts in a given case had been developed they called a meeting to decide how to proceed; (b) that following this a memorandum be prepared and signed by the official initiating the request; (c) that concurrences, as appropriate, be obtained and indicated thereon; (d) that provision be made on the memorandum for the signature of the approving authority; and (e) that such a memorandum preferably should be one, but certainly no more than two pages with backup material attached as tabs.

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4. Met with [] to discuss the difference of opinion between the Comptroller and the General Counsel as to whether or not we could pay full transportation for the dependents of two FBIS employees who preceded the employees' return to the States. Emphasized to [] my strong feeling that we should help the employees if we possibly could and that I had observed no indication whatever on the part of the Office of the Comptroller to do this or even to get together with FBIS to ascertain the facts and advise them properly. He feels quite strongly that the Comptroller's position in this particular instance is right. I directed that he study the matter further and consult with FBIS, and stated that if after he had done this he still disagreed I would arrange to have him and Larry Houston get together.

5. Attended a briefing on the subject of "hot war planning" prepared by

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the Office of Logistics and presented by [] In essence, we are now trying to firm up with the Department of Defense the agreement in principle that they stock items common to CIA and the military and that we stock items peculiar to CIA's clandestine operations. Simultaneously we are trying to reach agreement on the numbers of clandestine forces to be supplied during hot war from which stockpiling requirements can be computed, funds estimates prepared, and the actual stockpiling take place. At the conclusion of the briefing I advised the group substantially as follows: (a) No funds for stockpiling are provided for in the Fiscal Year 1957 Budget and the earliest such a request could be made would be for Fiscal Year 1958; (b) I was delighted, however, to see that planning was going on with the Department of Defense to firm up the requirements; (c) I still did not have very great confidence in the validity of our requirements; (d) Granting that we must accept the figures which we have and continue our planning prior to the actual obligation of funds, each requirement should be looked into again at that time; (e) Furthermore, we should avoid stockpiling equipment which will deteriorate rapidly or become obsolete in a short space of time. Where possible we should merely have contracts prepared to buy things on "D" Day if they can be obtained within a reasonable time. We should then spend our money for things which require a long lead time. For example, General McClelland does not believe it is necessary to stock very much communications equipment because he can obtain it in the normal manner as fast as he could train people to operate it. H

6. I discussed with Mr. Dulles our problems with the General Services Administration and asked for guidance as to whether or not we should try to work out some arrangement with them. He first wants to talk to Sherman Adams and has an appointment to do this at 12:00 Noon tomorrow. H

7. I advised Mr. Krout in Congressman Broyhill's office that it now looked as though we would not go to Virginia at all unless we located at Langley. He said he thought that Mr. Broyhill would probably want to talk to me when he arrived in town on Thursday. H

8. I also advised Warren McNeill, Administrative Assistant to Senator Robertson, in the same vein.

9. [] telephoned to say that while he was not anxious to release [] he was willing to do so but wanted to make a very strong plea that [] be appointed as his replacement. He said that he had had the possibilities of [] presented to him but did not think that either of them would be acceptable. I told him that I could make no commitment inasmuch as we would have to see what grade GS-15's were returning from overseas who had to be replaced, but added that we would discuss the matter with him in any case before making a final decision.

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10. Lunched with [redacted], the [redacted] Comptroller. [redacted] is very impressive and seems to be coming around to our way of thinking. It seemed to me that he had made great progress since he assumed the position of Comptroller in 1953.

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11. I requested [redacted] to prepare for my signature a brief memorandum to the Director reminding him of his appointment with [redacted] on the 22nd of November and giving him guidance as to what problems might be discussed and how we recommended that they be handled.

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12. [redacted] is to make a financial report to the Board in New York next Monday. I told George that I did not know whether or not I could be at the meeting but advised him that I would let him know at the end of the week when I saw how my schedule looked.

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13. Talked to John Tietjen about [redacted] While he believes that [redacted] mother and wife would be slightly better off in Europe than they would in many places in the Far East, he thinks that Jack is going to have a problem with them wherever he goes.

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